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## 19 DRILLS HELD TO DATE

Pennsylvania has experienced 13 practice blackouts and six daylight drills since the beginning of state-wide air raid rehearsals in June, 1942. Prior to that time, scores of county and local drills were staged.

The first state-wide drill, featured by partial night-long blackouts on successive nights in the eastern, central and western parts of the state, still stands as the longest test. The second longest test was the 50-minute "double red" blackout last month.

Dates of the drills, together with the time of the first audible signal and the all-clear, follow:

1942	Type	Length	Day
June 23-24-25	Blackout	*10:28 to 11:00 p.m.	
July 22	Blackout	10:30 to 11:00 p.m.	wed.
August 18	Blackout	x 9:30 to 10:00 p.m.	Tues.
Oct. 14	Daytime	2:00 to 2:15 p.m.	Wed.
Oct. 26	Blackout	8:45 to 9:00 p.m.	Mon.
Nov. 16	Daytime	10:20 to 10:50 a.m.	Mon.
Nov. 28	Blackout	9:50 to 10:30 p.m.	Sat.
Dec. 13	Daytime	12:00 to 12:20 p.m.	Sun.
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Jan. 14	Blackout	9:30 to 10:00 p.m.	Thurs.
Feb. 17	Daytime	10:50 to 11:15 a.m.	Wed.
Mar. 4	Blackout	8:50 to 9:30 p.m.	Thurs.
Mar. 26	Blackout	10:20 to 10:59 p.m.	Fri.
Apr. 14	Blackout	8:55 to 9:30 p.m.	Wed.
May 6	Daytime	10:21 to 10:59 a.m.	Thurs.
May 6	Blackout	8:40 to 9:29 p.m.	Thurs.
May 23	Blackout	9:20 to 9:59 p.m.	Sun.
June 22	Blackout	4:30 to 4:59 a.m.	Tues.
July 28	Blackout	12:30 to 1:25 a.m.	Wed.
August 6	Daytime	12:10 to 12:56 p.m.	Fri.

\* Complete blackout. Remainder of night was partial blackout.

x Joint drill with New Jersey.

## Ask Prompt Report On Drills

A renewed plea for prompt submission of county reports on blackouts and daylight drills so that they will reach the SCD within three days resulted in favorable action by 62 counties following the July 28 blackout.

"We were able to get a good picture of the results of that blackout from the 62 reports," said J. C. Lester Bryant, SCD Chief Air Raid Warden. "But we will not be satisfied until we have speedy reports from all 67 counties."

A standard form for the county reports is being drawn up by the SCD and will be distributed soon.

## Improve Signals

The July 28 blackout—first "double red" drill staged in Pennsylvania—revealed the need for closer synchronization of signals in many areas. Corrective steps are being taken in a number of places, including Luzerne County, where a new device has been developed that will blow all colliery whistles simultaneously.

Another action growing out of the July 28 test was the announcement that local areas suf-

fering a severe storm or other disaster at the time an air raid practice is ordered should call the State Control Center. The latter will ask the Army to excuse the affected area from participation. Parts of western

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## Canning Retorts Received By SCD

One of the first shipments of canning retorts released for civilian purposes anywhere in the country this year was received by the SCD this week from the manufacturer.

Twenty retorts, which process 33 quarts of vegetables at a time, were received and allocated to county Victory Garden Food Conservation sub-committees for use in community kits.

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## CHILD CARE AIDES

Three consultants to assist local Defense Council committees in planning and establishing Child Care Centers have been added to the SCD Child Care Bureau, under Mrs. Benjamin Ludlow, director.

Those named were Miss Margaret Stone, of Philadelphia, for the western part of the state; Mrs. Annah L. Tucker, Conshohocken, central part, and Miss Clara M. Allen, Bryn Mawr, eastern part.

## Drive For Nurses Aides, Rescue And Fire Unit Mapped

Plans for intensive promotion of the Fire Guard, Nurses' Aide, and Rescue Squad programs during the next 60 days were made at a meeting of SCD staff members and the eight regional directors last week. Other phases of Civilian Defense were discussed and clarified.

The starting gun for Fire Guard organization in cities that have not already acted was fired this week when the SCD asked all communities having OCD pump tank extinguishers to recruit enough Fire Guards to man all pumps.

Volunteers enrolled in the present Fire Watcher corps will automatically become Fire Guards on Sept. 15, J. C. Lester Bryant, SCD Chief Air Raid Warden, announced. Fire Guard Instructor's Manuals and Handbooks are expected to be re-

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Streams of water form a pretty pattern at Allentown as Auxiliary Firemen try out new skid and trailer pumps furnished by the OCD. Similar tests are being made in other cities where equipment is received.

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## STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

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## DRIVE FOR NURSES' AIDES

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ceived from the OCD for distribution at about that date also.

### Biggest Job

"Organizing Fire Guards is the most important job we have today on the protective side," declared Col. Henry A. Renniger, acting director of the Third Civilian Defense Region. He recommended that surplus personnel of other CDC units be re-trained as Fire Guards and that inactivated Aircraft Observers be recruited.

Plans for a state-wide campaign of Nurses' Aide recruiting were outlined by Mrs. Worlington Scranton, Commander of War Services. Details are being worked out in cooperation with the Red Cross, which has charge of the training.

"The War Department needs 300 new Army nurses each month from Pennsylvania," said Mrs. Scranton. "That is 3600 a year, or 100 more than the number of nurses graduated. Only by training Nurses' Aides can we keep our hospitals prepared for the extra burdens that wartime imposes on them."

### School At Lewistown

In the Rescue Squad program, counties will be expected to schedule central classes and apply to the SCD for expert instructors. Many counties have sent instructors to Lewistown this week to attend rescue classes at the State Firemen's Training Conference.

"Pennsylvania's Rescue Squad program is already accepted as a model for the country," said Fire Warden Charles E. Clark, who is in charge. He reported that Major Charles Dodd and Capt. Phillip Miller, of the OCD

## REALISTIC INCIDENT STAGED IN 'WEE HOURS'

When most Citizens Defense Corps members were crawling back into bed at 1:30 a.m. after the July 28 blackout, a hardy group of 100 in Lancaster were just assembling at the railroad station for simulated departure to Philadelphia.

The incident, planned in advance, presupposed that Philadelphia had been heavily hit, and needed assistance. Medical teams, Auxiliary Police and other needed units were dispatched to the station, fully equipped. They were dismissed at 2 a.m.

rescue staff, had visited Harrisburg and approved the program.

The OCD is making plans for a Rescue Squad training school for all eastern states to be held in Pittsburgh next month.

### War Measures

Mrs. Scranton explained SCD policies relating to Child Care Centers and Victory Garden Food Conservation Kitchens. "We are not insisting that communities establish either of these projects," she said. "They are intended to be set up only where needed and wanted, and we are supporting them strictly as measures to aid in winning the war."

She suggested that Speakers Bureaus cooperate in Community Chest drives this fall by furnishing group speakers, and that Victory Gardners be invited to turn their efforts to other Civilian Defense activities after the garden season is ended.



Monongahela is proud of volunteer group above known as 2nd Company, Pennsylvania Girls Defense Corps, which serves in the Civilian Defense Medical Service. Leader is Mrs. R. W. Wilkes. The 1st Company in the Corps was formed at Washington, Pa.



W. B. B. Wilson (above) is Chairman of Lycoming County Council of Defense. He is engaged in the real estate business in Williamsport. At upper right is Herbert S. Bolger, Chairman for Blair County, and lower right is Harry C. Smith, Executive Chairman. Mr. Bolger is President of the Blair County Commissioners and Mr. Smith is the retired supervisor of Altoona schools.



## Norwegian Leader Is Heard By 5,000

More than 5,000 persons in 13 Pennsylvania cities heard Haakon Lie, Norwegian labor leader, appeal for all-out prosecution of the war during his 10-day speaking tour sponsored this month by the SCD Speakers Bureau.

"The Norwegians and other subjected peoples of Europe cannot keep up their resistance to the Nazis indefinitely," he warned. "Hunger and terror will destroy their spirit unless they are rescued soon. America is their hope, and America must not fail them."

Lie, who escaped from Norway 20 months after the occupation, addressed service clubs, labor and church groups, and mass meetings in the following cities: Reading, Allentown, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Carlisle, Bedford, Somerset, Uniontown, Altoona, Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Kittanning, and Corry.

### SURVEY UNDERWAY

A questionnaire checking on air raid preparations in each public meeting place in Lancaster County has been sent out by Col. J. Hale Steinman, County Council of Defense chairman. An accompanying bulletin stresses the danger of panic in case of air raids.

## QUOTAS SET FOR 240,000 TON GOAL

The 240,000-ton quota of scrap iron and steel assigned to Pennsylvania's Salvage Committees by the WPB for the last half of 1943 has been broken down into county and regional quotas by the SCD Advisory Salvage Committee.

The highest county quota is 49,000 tons for Philadelphia and the biggest regional quotas are 70,000 tons for Region 1 and 66,675 for Region 7.

Warren R. Roberts, Salvage chairman, warned at a meeting of his committee that citizens must dig "deeper and deeper" for scrap metal to prevent a curtailment in steel production.

Mrs. D. Ray Murdock, Greensburg, was named vice-chairman of the committee. She will attempt to stimulate the salvage efforts of housewives in the state.

### BLACKOUT HINT

Disapproval of the blackout practice of throwing master switches, thus shutting off elevator service, radios, refrigerators, pumps and ventilating equipment in large buildings, has been expressed by the OCD.

## Target Areas In State Announced

All eastern counties of Pennsylvania, plus Allegheny and Erie counties in the west, have been designated by the Third Service Command as "target" areas.

Plants on the Army Responsibility List in these areas are required to equip all vital facilities with blackout materials, and to mobilize their entire protective personnel during air raid drills. Lesser requirements are given for Army List plants outside the target areas.

The eastern target area extends west to, and including, Potter, Cameron, Clinton, Centre, Huntingdon and Fulton counties.

It was emphasized by Ray F. Riegelmeier, SCD Plant Protection Officer, that violations of the Army blackout rules for Army plants should not be dealt with locally but should be reported to him.

Riegelmeier announced that a Plant Protection Conference will be held in Beaver on Sept. 15 and 16.

### RADIO PROGRAM

News and activities of Civilian Defense are discussed every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in a radio program conducted by New Kensington Council of Defense over Station WKPA.

### HEADS CDVO

Mrs. Alice M. Culver, Towanda, has been named CDVO chairman for Bradford County, succeeding Mrs. A. Carl Fanning.

### NAMED DEPUTY

Ronald C. Jones, of Scranton, has been elected Deputy Chief of Emergency Mortuary Service by the SCD.



Bomb squad shown recovering H. E. bomb at Harrisburg.

### ARMY BOMB SQUAD HANDLES INCIDENT

Pennsylvania's first demonstration of an Army bomb disposal squad in action was given at Harrisburg July 29 when an actual German-made 100 pound high explosive "dud" was planted underground and "discovered" by a post warden. All phases of the drill were worked out with the Army in advance.

The warden reported to the local Control Center through his sector warden. Next a bomb reconnaissance agent confirmed the find, and Commander S. M. Livingston telephoned Army headquarters at Baltimore.

An Army squad of nearly 40 men was sent to the scene in two trucks, a jeep and a mobile kitchen. Wardens evacuated residents within a 200-yard radius and halted traffic. The squad, observing all precautions, dug out the bomb in three hours.

## Gas Masks Get Real Test

Civilian Defense personnel and equipment proved indispensable in two accidents in the Bethlehem area this month, reports Col. William R. Coyle, local Defense Council chairman.

One accident, a train wreck in which a tank car load of sulphuric acid began to vaporize, necessitated use of both OCD gas masks and OCD fire pump equipment. Dr. Harvey Neville, local gas officer, was on the scene all day issuing gas masks and protecting workers from gas contamination.

The other accident involved a swimmer who suffered three

broken neck vertebrae and a broken shoulder. He was pulled from the water by three youthful first aid graduates and taken to a hospital in a Civilian Defense ambulance. Skilful handling probably saved his life.

### SALVAGE HONORS

Eight additional County Salvage Chairmen have been awarded certificates of merit by the SCD and the WPB. Those honored were:

John M. Hewitt, Luzerne; Cameron Kneibler, Montour; Ernest G. Benninger, Susquehanna; Roy Heffelfinger, Lehigh; Claude Metzgar, Monroe; A. J. Stratton, Berks; R. J. Kennard, Centre; John Snyder, York.

## News From Local Councils

**NURSES' AIDES:** The Civilian Defense oath was administered to six recent classes of Nurses' Aides in Harrisburg after the group had given 3298 hours of service. . . . Caps were awarded to six graduates at a ceremony in Gettysburg. . . . Four Nurses' Aides have already completed their 150 hours of service at Waynesboro.

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**APPOINTED:** J. Wayne Hamilton has succeeded Paul J. Carey as coordinator of Chester Council of Defense. . . . The new C.D. executive officer in Beaver Falls is Howard Zeller. . . . Named as CDC Commander in Palmerton was Ira J. Bleiler.

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**NEW SIRENS:** \$750 has been allocated by Tamaqua borough council for four electric sirens. . . . Three new sirens have been purchased in Dover, York County. . . . Two sirens have been ordered by neighboring townships in Northumberland County.

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**WINDFALL:** \$2100 collected in an unauthorized war benefit solicitation in Philadelphia has been turned over by the courts to the city's Council of Defense. . . . Sharon has received \$49 as its share of blackout fines since the law was changed to include municipalities.

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**VOLUNTEERS:** A new short-wave radio station connecting Edinboro with the county Control Center in Erie is "manned" by 13 women. . . . Training of 145 new volunteers has given Northumberland County adequate personnel for its Control Center.

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**F.F.S.:** The duty of spotting and reporting forest fires has been given 300 high school boys and girls enrolled in the FFFS at Franklin. . . . Carl C. Manchester, Defense Council chairman in Hollidaysburg, congratulated 21 local boys who completed 12 hours' training for FFFS.

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**EQUIPMENT:** More than \$1300 worth of Civilian Defense equipment has been purchased from public donations in Sector 5, Lancaster. . . . When the only fire truck in Meshoppen was laid up for repairs, Scranton came to the rescue by loaning an OCD trailer pump. . . .

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**MISCELLANEOUS:** A public

appeal for funds resulted in donations of \$683 at Curwensville. . . . An old-fashioned picnic for Clairton C.D. volunteers and friends was sponsored by the local Defense Council. . . . Greencastle Defense Council held a special meeting marking its second anniversary. . . . Danville is training Auxiliary Firemen to replace 100 regular firemen no longer available.

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**SALVAGE:** A tomato patch sponsored by Roaring Spring Salvage Committee is yielding a record crop. . . . Block leaders in Washington County are making a door-to-door canvass to increase waste fats collections. . . . Junior Commandos at Pottstown, keeping on after school closed, collected 3000 pounds of tin cans in July.

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**HERE AND THERE:** Wardens patrolling in Coatesville during the July 28 blackout rescued a workman overcome by ammonia fumes. . . . Civilian Defense first aid teams in Allegheny County will vie for honors at a contest in Pittsburgh Sept. 11. . . . Names of 350 service men appear on an honor roll sponsored by Lemoyne Defense Council.

### CANNING REPORTS

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chens. Delivery of the remaining 230 units ordered is expected before Sept. 1.

"Counties that were first to open conservation kitchens will receive first consideration in the allocations," said Mrs. H. B. Eliason, SCD Victory Garden chairman.

Many kitchens are now operating. One of the earliest started was in the Derry Twp. School in Hershey, where the cafeteria kitchens have been opened five hours daily for community canning.

Incomplete surveys indicate 20,332 Victory Gardens in Lackawanna County, 70,000 in Philadelphia metropolitan area, 4750 in Crawford, and 13,340 in Luzerne. Victory Garden shows are being planned in many communities.

### NEW CHAIRMAN

Miss Grace K. Nadig, professor of home economics at Temple University, has been named chairman of the Consumer Interests Committee of Philadelphia Council of Defense.

## 250 QUALIFY

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Wright, Norristown, Mrs. Evelyn A. Schwartz, Philadelphia, and Col. Churchill Williams, Bucks County chairman.

Bars for 4000 hours were approved for Mrs. John Howell Williams, Wilkes-Barre, and three Lehigh County volunteers—Gen. F. D. Beary, county chairman; Mrs. Russell Kirby, CDVO chairman, and Marjorie Ward, office secretary. Lehigh County reported 120 other volunteers eligible for lesser awards.

Seventy awards, 53 of which were for 500 hours, were presented to Philadelphia CDVO volunteers at the dedication of the city's new CDVO central office last week. Mrs. E. A. Van Valkenburg, in charge of awards for the SCD, spoke at the ceremony.

Meanwhile, a reminder was issued by the SCD that Civilian Defense workers whose services are contributed by private employers are not eligible for awards, under OCD rules. Only unpaid services which they render on their own time may be counted.

The first volunteer at SCD headquarters to win an award was Mrs. Worthington Scranton, Commander of War Services, who qualified for a 1000-hour bar.

## 4 COUNTIES REPORT

Four more counties reported Civilian War Service enrollments to the SCD for the first time this month, bringing to 45 the number of counties that have made such reports.

The four counties, and their totals in this branch, were: Allegheny 72,103; Clarion 4195; Fayette 35,552; and Lebanon 4880.

## COL. PIERCE MOVED

Lt. Col. William E. Pierce, liaison officer between Third Service Command and the SCD, has been transferred temporarily to the Baltimore headquarters. Lt. Col. S. T. McCloskey will be the temporary liaison officer at Harrisburg.

## CONTROL CENTER 'HIT'

The State Control Center has proved its ability to keep operating in spite of enemy action. When bombs theoretically made the Harrisburg headquarters "untenable" during a recent drill, the staff quickly transferred to an alternate location in a nearby community.



Sharon's Post 4, Sector 4 headquarters was found well equipped when local Civilian Defense officials inspected it, as shown above. Left to right are: Fergus McCullough, C. E. Derr, Commander James Ingram, Auxiliary Police Chief William E. Stuart, Defense Council Chairman George F. Reinhardt, Chief Warden Frank Poulton, and Fred Longley.

(Courtesy Sharon Herald)



Drivers Corps members in Pottstown are pictured in front of some of their vehicles. At extreme right is Charles J. Custer, acting director of local Defense Council. Next to him is Samuel R. Scheffler, transport officer.

## ASK PROMPT REPORT

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Pennsylvania were swept by a disastrous storm during the July 28 drill.

In answer to suggestions that more air raid drills be held to keep up the interest of Defense Corps members, Col. Lynn G. Adams, SCD Commander of Protective Services, explained that too many drills would hinder war production, and also interrupt workers' sleep.

"There is nothing to prevent various units from holding practices at times other than during a blackout," Adams said. "Wardens could visit the people in their posts more frequently and inform householders of the latest rules. Auxiliary Police could study the terrain of their beats. Rescue and Demolition Squads could survey buildings."

A number of counties have suggested that air raid warnings be reduced to two or three signals. The SCD is considering these recommendations, but only the Army could institute a change.

## NUTRITION STRESSED IN COMBATING ABSENTEEISM

In his first two reports, Norman Howard, director of an absenteeism survey for the SCD, stressed the importance of factory nutrition programs and periodic studies of sick absences.

The nutrition recommendation was based on research at Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., East Pittsburgh, where a "Victory Lunch" and other nutrition measures have kept absenteeism at a minimum.

## CASUALTY TEAMS AID IN ERIE DISASTER

Civilian Defense ambulances and casualty teams helped to avert a home front disaster in Erie July 29 when they went to the aid of nearly 200 employees stricken by food poisoning at a local industrial plant.

The Civilian Defense units, mobilized by Dr. A. C. Davis, emergency medical chief, transported 110 victims to local hospitals. All of the patients recovered.

## TO OFFER COURSE IN HOME REPAIRS

Plans for a 30-hour course in "Household Mechanics," to be sponsored by Consumer Committees throughout the state this fall, were speeded this month following publication of a training manual by the SCD Committee on Consumer Interests.

The manual, entitled "Household Mechanics for Wartime Living," contains forewords by Governor Martin and SCD Director Hutchison stressing the need for conserving household equipment "for the duration."

The course will deal with repairs to electric, plumbing and other equipment, and classes will meet in school vocational shops for demonstration and practice. The manual was written by Prof. R. U. Blasingame, of State College.

## JUDGE ASKS HELP ON CHILD DELINQUENCY

Two ways in which Civilian Defense can help combat the wartime upturn in juvenile delinquency were suggested in a letter to Delaware County Council of Defense by Judge Albert D. MacDade, of that county. The suggestions were:

"1. Bring as many boys and girls directly into the Civilian Defense Corps as possible—in the Messenger Service or any other Branch. This will allow the youth of our county to perform a worthwhile war service, and the contact of these boys and girls with the OCD and the Boy Scouts will bring a good influence to bear on their lives.

"2. Since the lack of adequate recreational facilities in our county is a decided detriment to those interested in youth welfare, we urge that every Local Council of Defense see to it that such facilities that are available be fully used. We refer to playgrounds, Schools, Athletic Fields, Parks, etc. Each community wherever possible should provide trained personnel to supervise, encourage and guide recreational activities."

## FILM LEADER\*

Pennsylvania's Cecille B. DeMille is movie-minded William Prutzman of Palmerton, who arranged, produces, and projects more than 200 movie programs a month as his unique contribution to the war effort.

Mr. Prutzman, who is director of publicity and film service for Carbon County Defense Council, has shown every film in Penn State's constantly expanding film lending library to church groups, Civilian Defense organization, high schools, parent teacher associations, police and firemen, and fraternal groups.

His carefully preserved attendance records reveal that for the period from March 15 to May 15 he showed films to 34,441.

(\*From Penna. State College Extension News).

## WANTS MORE WOMEN

A recommendation that more women be enrolled as Auxiliary Police for daytime duty has been made by Delaware County Council of Defense. "Chester City has trained women for this service, and is very well pleased with the work they do," the Council reported.